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Dear Mr. Naventi:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – CH2M HILL HANFORD GROUP, INC. (CHG)  
PRICE-ANDERSON AMENDMENTS ACTS OF 1988 (PAAA) REVIEW

This letter forwards the noteworthy good practices the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Enforcement (OE) reviewers identified during the recent review of the CHG PAAA Program. The following good practices were identified:

- Management and self-assessments of the PAAA program using criteria from OE's Enforcement Guidance Supplement 00-02, *Price Anderson Amendments Act Program Reviews*, were performed regularly.
- A formal PAAA Program Improvement Plan was implemented to identify and track recognized improvement activities. The improvement plan contained formalized improvement initiatives, milestones, schedules, accepted evidence for closure, and champions. The improvement plan served as a living document and was revised as new improvement opportunities were identified.
- PAAA screeners and evaluators received formal training to assure each had an appropriate level of knowledge to perform their tasks. Each screener and evaluator had a qualification standard. Specialized training on PAAA requirements had been given for individuals involved in PAAA Review Board and Procurement. Each course was mandatory for the identified population of personnel and required completion of a written examination.
- All noncompliances were identified and evaluated for significance and PAAA reportability. PAAA applicability determinations were documented and retrievable.
- The PAAA Program, the Occurrence-reporting Program and the Corrective Action Program were electronically and procedurally integrated, which enhanced coordination of corrective action development, implementation, and closure.
- A formalized set of performance indicators was tracked, trended, and regularly reviewed from a reportability and noncompliance perspective. This information was routinely shared with management.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Patrick P. Carier, WTP Safety Regulation Division, (509) 376-3574.

Sincerely,

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